

**PATENT**  
Attorney Docket No. 224711

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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Continuation of

Application No. 10/070,531

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For: METHOD OF ANALYZING MULTIPLE  
SAMPLES SIMULTANEOUSLY BY  
DETECTING ABSORPTION AND  
SYSTEMS FOR USE IN SUCH A METHOD

**PRELIMINARY REMARKS**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please consider the following remarks.

Claims 1-23 have been substantially copied from U.S. Patent No. 6,462,816.

Applicants are in the process of determining whether or not an interference should be requested.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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